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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B, WATERVILLE, SEPT. 14:

WARDEN WINFIELD GORDON, WARREN: REPORTS RECEIVED OF SHOOTING PHEASANTS FROM AUTOMOBILES, AND BEAVER TROUBLE. DEER ARE NOT SHOWING UP IN THE FIELDS YET.

WARDEN GEORGE NASH, JEFFERSON: SEVERAL NIGHT HUNTING COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED THIS WEEK. ONE COMPLAINT PAID OFF WITH THE CONVICTION OF TWO NIGHT HUNTERS IN THE WISCASSET MUNICIPAL COURT.

WARDEN CHARLES TUTTLE, RICHMOND: THE SMALL DUCK PONDS IN THE MERRYMEETING BAY AREA HAVE VERY LITTLE WATER IN THEM NOW, CAUSING SOME CONCERN TO DUCK HUNTERS.

WARDEN BILL GORDON, NORTH EDGECOMB: A FEW BEAVER COMPLAINTS ARE BEING RECEIVED, AND AN OCCASIONAL HUNTING COMPLAINT. I OBSERVED A HAWK FLYING DOWN A BACK WOODS ROAD IN AN AREA WHERE PHEASANTS HAD BEEN RELEASED, CARRYING A PHEASANT IN HIS CLAWS. AFTER CATCHING UP WITH THE HAWK IN MY AUTOMOBILE IN A SHORT DISTANCE, I BLEW THE HORN AND FRIGHTENED THE HAWK INTO DROPPING THE PHEASANT WHICH HAD JUST BEEN KILLED.

WARDEN ORAL D. PAGE, BELGRADE: DEER ARE NOT SHOWING UP MUCH IN THE FIELDS YET. FISHING ACTIVITY IS VERY SLOW. I APPREHENDED A SUBJECT SHOOTING PHEASANT RECENTLY RELEASED, HUNTING ON SUNDAY AND WITHOUT A LICENSE.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR JACK SHAW, DIV. E, STRONG, SEPT. 14:

WARDEN EBEN PERRY, RANGELEY: THERE IS A GOOD RUN OF FISH NOW IN THE KENNEBAGO RIVER. TROUT ARE NOT ON THE SPAWNING BED YET, BUT A GOOD DEAL OF SALMON ARE IN. GROUSE ARE NOT SHOWING UP WELL LATELY, NOR ARE THE DEER EITHER DURING THE DAY OR NIGHT. HAVE SEEN NO SIGNS OR HAD ANY COMPLAINTS OR REPORTS OF NIGHT HUNTING.

WARDEN WARREN ADAMS, DIXFIELD: WHILE CRUISING FOR BEAVER I FOUND THE WATER TO BE VERY LOW WITH NO BUILDING ACTIVITY. FEW SIGNS OF DRIVING AROUND THE FIELDS AT PRESENT. NO REPORTS OF SHOOTING AT NIGHT. COON HUNTERS IN THIS AREA ARE NOT HAVING MUCH LUCK.

INVESTIGATED CASE OF HOUSE CATS DISAPPEARING IN THE SUMNER HILL AREA, AND INDICATIONS ARE THAT FISHER ARE RESPONSIBLE. THEY ARE PLENTIFUL IN THIS AREA. SEVERAL BEAR HAVE BEEN SEEN THIS PAST WEEK.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR DAVID PRIEST, DIV. G, LINCOLN CENTER, SEPT 23:

BEAR ARE SHOWING UP VERY WELL THROUGHOUT THE DIVISION, AND A GOOD MANY HAVE BEEN KILLED. DEER ARE NOT SHOWING UP NOW. PARTRIDGE ARE NOT SHOWING UP WELL EITHER, BUT WE HAD PLENTY EARLIER IN THE SEASON, AND I LOOK FOR THEM TO RE-APPEAR AS SOON AS WE HAVE A FEW GOOD FROSTS. MOOSE ARE STARTING TO TRAVEL QUITE A BIT. A SMALL BULL MOOSE, HIT BY A TRAIN ABOUT A MILE BELOW LINCOLN, SEPT. 23, WAS QUITE SHAKEN UP BUT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE BADLY INJURED.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR CURTIS COOPER, DIV. I, STOCKHOLM, SEPT. 23:

WARDEN JOHN CRABTREE, EAGLE LAKE: TWO MOOSE WERE SEEN IN TOWN ONE DAY LAST WEEK.

WARDEN PHIL DUMOND, ESTCOURT STA.: MOOSE ARE SHOWING UP NOW ON WOODS ROADS. I HAVE HAD REPORTS OF MANY COWS WITH CALF SEEN, AND SOME WITH TWIN CALVES. PARTRIDGE ARE STILL SHOWING UP WELL. HOWEVER, THERE SEEMS TO BE A FOX OR HAWK AROUND EVERY TURN IN THE ROAD.

SIX INCHES OF SNOW FELL NEAR ROCKY BROOK HERE ON SEPT. 12.

THIS HAS BEEN THE SLOWEST FISHING SEASON YET. THE WATER IS BANK HIGH.

DEER SEEN EARLIER THIS SUMMER HAVE CHANGED LOCATIONS, AND THE FEW SEEN NOW ARE MOSTLY YEARLINGS.

WARDEN CHARLES DAVIS, T 11 R 17: THERE ARE MORE BEAR SHOWING UP IN THE DISTRICT THAN I THOUGHT POSSIBLE. EVERY CAMP IN THE AREA REPORTS HAVING FROM THREE TO SEVEN COMING ALMOST NIGHTLY.

ON SEPT. 6, CUTTERS AT A SET OF LUMBER CAMPS ON T. 8, R. 15 SHOT A BEAR AND THEN WALKED UP TO IT, THINKING IT WAS DEAD. THE BEAR REACHED OUT AND CAUGHT ONE OF THEM BY THE LEG, CHEWING IT BADLY. LUCKILY THE BEAR DIED BEFORE DOING ANY MORE DAMAGE TO THE MAN. THE CUTTER HAD TO BE HOSPITALIZED.

PARTRIDGE ARE STILL SHOWING UP WELL, BUT TO DATE THERE HAVE BEEN FAR FEWER DEER SEEN THAN LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME.

WINTER SEEMS TO BE ON ITS WAY, AS THE NIGHT OF SEPT. 12 BROUGHT UP TO THREE AND ONE-HALF INCHES OF SNOW ON THE HIGHER HILLS IN THE AREA WITH THE TEMPERATURE OF PLUS 26<sup>0</sup> F.

WARDEN ARNOLD M. BELECKIS, T.15, R.15, ST. PAMPHILE: FISHING IN THIS DISTRICT HAS ENDED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TWO MILE POND. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE FISHING ACTIVITY IN THIS DISTRICT THIS SUMMER.

DEER HAVE NOT SHOWN UP TOO WELL IN THE LAST MONTH, ALTHOUGH I BELIEVE THAT THE INCREASED TRAFFIC CAUSED BY THE OPENING OF LUMBER CAMPS HAS KEPT THEM FROM THE ROADS AND A GOOD POPULATION EXISTS.

SEVERAL REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED OF BEAR AROUND LUMBER CAMPS THIS SUMMER.

PARTRIDGE DO NOT SEEM TO BE NUMEROUS IN THIS DISTRICT, WITH THIS YEAR'S YOUNG HARD TO DISTINGUISH FROM THE ADULT BIRDS. FOXES SEEM TO BE PLENTIFUL, AND THIS COULD HAVE SOME BEARING ON THE BIRDS.

QUITE A FEW SIGHTINGS OF FISHER HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO ME THIS SUMMER AND THE BEAVER POPULATION IS AT ITS BEST.

INSPECTOR HERBERT VERNON, SINCLAIR: FLY FISHING IS VERY GOOD IN THE RED RIVER AREA AT THIS TIME.

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SUPERVISOR COOPER: GORDON MARTIN, AGE 13, OF SOLDIER POND, CAUGHT A 16 LB. 12 OZ. LAKE TROUT WHILE FISHING FROM SOLDIER POND BRIDGE SEPT. 22. THE YOUNG FISHERMAN HAD RECENTLY RETURNED HOME AFTER AN APPENDICITIS OPERATION. HOWEVER, OBSERVERS STATED THAT HE WAS A GOOD MATCH FOR THE LARGEST FISH EVER TAKEN FROM SOLDIER POND, AND THE SECOND LARGEST THAT I HAVE EVER SEEN FROM ANY OF THE FISH RIVER CHAIN OF LAKES. THE FISH WAS  $34\frac{1}{4}$ " LONG AND THE GIRTH WAS  $18\frac{1}{2}$ ". MARTIN PLAYED HIS PRIZE ONE HOUR, USING A SPINNING ROD WITH A SUPERDUPER ON A 12-POUND TEST LINE.

THE FISHING HAS BEEN QUITE SPOTTY, WITH SOME GOOD FISH CAUGHT AT LONG LAKE DURING THE PAST WEEK.

THE HIGH WATER IN THE DIVISION SHOULD BE A GREAT AID TO THE SPAWNING FISH THIS FALL.

WARDEN PILOT DICK VARNEY AND I OBSERVED FOUR BEAR ON AN UNUSED WOODS ROAD SUNDAY. AS WE CIRCLED, THE THREE CUBS SNUGGLED UP TO THE LARGEST, WHICH SHOWED NO CONCERN WHATEVER FOR THE PLANE.

WARDENS IN THE DIVISION ARE NOT OBSERVING QUITE AS MANY PARTRIDGE AS A FEW WEEKS AGO. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THIS TO BE NORMAL, AS SOME OF THE FLOCKS MAY BE BREAKING UP AT THIS TIME. I LOOK FORWARD TO AN EXCELLENT GROUSE SEASON THIS FALL.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALLACE BARRON, DIV. J. BINGHAM, SEPT. 19:

COLOR IN FOLIAGE IS FAST APPROACHING THE PEAK. BEAR ARE SHOWING UP VERY WELL ALL OVER IN THE UPPER PART OF THE DIVISION. A BEAR WAS KILLED BY GUIDE TOM GIROUX OF SKY LODGE, JACKMAN, WITH BOW AND ARROW ON SEPT. 11.

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FROM GAME BIOLOGIST HAROLD M. BLANCHARD, GREENVILLE: A BULL MOOSE WAS KILLED AT GREENVILLE ON SEPT. 20 AT NIGHT, IN A TRUCK COLLISION. IT HAD 18 POINTS AND THE SPREAD WAS  $64\frac{1}{4}$ ", A RECORD SPREAD FOR A MAINE MOOSE AS FAR AS WE KNOW.

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